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Bacon and Shakespeare

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published by the Coburn Publishing or more of the books published during Company of Boston, Mass., entitled the lives of Bacon and Shakespeare "Coincidences - Bacon and Shakespeare," is revived the interest in the old question of the authorship of the Shakespearean plays.

The contention of Mr. Reed is, if certain knowledge is found in the known works of Bacon that must have come from a peculiar personal experience this experience; and that the same of the theater-that he and Shakeand that Bacon was known to have had knowledge was found in the dramas; and that Shakespeare was known not to have had the personal experience from which it could have been derived -the author of the dramas must of edge been collected by Bacon, particu- he said, 'I have heard of this yere necessity have been the man who had larly, that relating to the French His- protest against my sitting in this body had the experience, namely, Bacon.

for instance-and that Shakespeare was mouth, from Bacon. known also to have displayed the same It must also be remembered that the in an affair of honah as a second, not peculiarity, the author of the essays mind of Bacon was a mind trained to as a principal, in the State of Mispeculiarity, the author of the essays and scholarly process of sissippi. and the author of the plays must of a logical and scholarly process of sissippi. necessity have been the same man.

side by side under separate headings, dividual. numbering them from 1 to 72. Here

5. Shakespeare's vocabulary is the largest ever attained by any individual in any language or in any age of the

world. Bacon's is equally remarkable for its extent and richness.

12. Immediately before the historical drama of King Henry VI. was written, Bacon visited the English battlegrounds described in that drama, in to New Zealand from Great Britain

our fleet of battleships a few months ago, there may have lurked a grateful recognition of the fact that they owe riches."

The early colonists who emigrated to New Zealand from Great Britain "As I

Joan of Arc. The author of the drama of King Henry VI, must actually have

friend; (2) a person of high rank, and (3) a concealed poet. Bacon answers to this description in every particular. 20. The first of the Shakespeare poems to be published was dedicated —the latter has since become abundant to one of Bacon's most intimate friends, in many New Zealand rivers—but the a nobleman whose consent (for the want of which a play-actor would have lost the government of the United States. his ears) had not been previously ob-

21. This poem was written before the reputed poet's arrival in London, with no possible education beyond that afforded by the Stratford grammar school. And yet, as agreed by all scholars who have examined the subject, it bears every mark of collegiate elegance and culture.

28. Bacon became debtor to a Jew and was arrested in the street for nonpayment under circumstances designed to disgrace him. It was but a month or two afterward that Shakespeare produced the "Merehant of Venice" with Shylock as its principal character. 30. Both of our authors had great

admiration for the character of Julius Caesar, one calling him "the noblest man that ever lived," and the other, "the worthiest man that ever lived." Shakespeare wrote a drama and Bacon a biography of him. Both were impressed with Caesar's work on the

31. In Shakespeare's series of historical dramas the reign of Henry VII. is strangely omitted; but Bacon wrote a history of it in prose, beginning at the exact point where Shakespeare Shakespeare began again in the next. 57. Fach has been considered by

excellent judges the greatest intellectual force that ever existed in the

and the Essays of Bacon are equally

A perusal of these will show that Zealand waters.

Eced's work is a very clever piece of The "sockeye" salmon has likewise

********************************** In a work by Edwin Reed, A. M., | would be quite possible to take a score and find any number of "coincidences" quite as surprising as those given by Reed. The latter seems to put aside the fact that most of the coincidental details presented are to be found in the original manuscripts which Shakespeare used as the material for his dramas; and further, it is altogether probable-Bacon being a lover speare had many conversations together while they were each of them engaged in their several literary ac- stepped into the aisle. tivities. And even had the knowltory, in Henry VI., undoubtedly culled in an affair of honah. Now, suh, I Also, that if Bacon was known to from private documents not accessi- want to say that I did engage in an have displayed a peculiarity of literary ble in England, Shakespeare could affair of honah, in my younger days, style—a remarkably large vocabulary, have learned the facts, by word of in the State of Mississippi and, latuh,

thought, and Shakespeare's mind was In support of this theory, Reed has one which worked under the force of collected certain parallel facts which he poetic inspiration—two processes never calls "Coincidences," and has set them found in the works of the same in-

FISH IN NEW ZEALAND.

In the minds of the New Zealanders, when they gave so hearty a welcome to

France.

13. Bacon had special opportunities, were much surprised to find that the country, though possessing a magnifiin France, to investigate the career of cent system of rivers, lakes and streams, had no fish-at all events, none of any value for commercial or 15. Florio published a sonnet the sporting purposes. Accordingly, they author of which he described as (1) his looked about them for means whereby this lack might be supplied. From England they obtained eggs of the Loch Leven trout and the brown trout really important help was furnished by

In 1884 three consignments of eggs of the rainbow trout were sent from California to New Zealand. Many were lost, owing to imperfect methods of shipment, but enough were saved to rear adult spawners at the hatcheries. As a result, rainbow trout are now found in immense numbers in the lakes and streams all over the Auckland Province, and grow to extraordinary size, often reaching a weight of eighteen pounds. In two small lakes, called Rotorua and Rotoiti, twenty tons of these fish were taken with hook and line last season, though individual anglers are not permitted to catch' more than thirty pounds in a day.

At about the same time eggs of the Eastern brook trout were sent from this country to New Zealand, and for a while there was every prospect of success with this species. They be-gan to appear in large numbers in the streams; but, unfortunately, and much to the regret of the people, who greatly admired the gamy little fish, they have been eaten up and driven out to a great extent by the rainbow and

brown trout. Eight years ago our Fisheries Bureau sent a quantity of eggs of the Chinook left off in the preceding drama, and salmon to New Zealand. They were leaving off at the exact point where hatched successfully, and the "fry" were planted in the Waitaki river, which has conditions similar to the streams frequented by this species of salmon on the Pacific Coast of America. Since then other shipments have 69. The tragedies of Shakespeare been made, a total of two million eggs and the Essays of Bacon are equally being supplied, from which one mil-and strangely reticent on the subject lion seven hundred thousand young of a future life. were obtained. Already these salmon A perusal of these will show that are spawning in large numbers in New

literary cabinet-making. He has for been successfully introduced. Six milgotten, however, that coincidences are lion whitefish eggs, from the governnot facts positive but merely facts ment hatchery at Northville, Michigan, relative. The contemporary writers of Shakespeare and Bacon are heavily Zealand lakes. We have also supplied cious taste and flavour. One bot-

herring the Mackinaw trout and the

Respecting some of these it is too early to make any report, but the catfish is doing finely; and, in consequence of the efforts thus made, the rivers and lakes in New Zealand today are already teeming with fishes of the finest quality for sport and food.

THE FIGHTING NAVY.

"A mild-mannered and genial Tennesseean, named Galloway, was elected to the State Senate from Shelby County," said Secretary Dickinson, of the War Department, himself from Tennessee, "but there was a protest over it because, it was claimed, Galloway had been concerned in a duel in his younger days. The time came for swearing in the senators and the clerk called the roll by counties. When Shelby County was reached, Galloway, wearing a long black frock coat,

"Mistuh President and Senatuhs," of Arkansaw. Once again, I engaged

Tennessee has no jurisdiction ovuh what is done in other states, and I am here to say, suh, that if any Sena-tuh thinks otherwise and does not vote for me at this time I shall call him out, by gad, suh! call him out and hold him personally responsible to me, suh. That's all.'

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